Governor Carney Releases Annual Report of Government Efficiency and Accountability Review (GEAR) Board



Board presents recommendations across focus areas, including education, criminal justice, human resources, and health

WILMINGTON, Del. — Governor John Carney on Wednesday released the <u>first annual report</u> of the Government Efficiency and Accountability Review (GEAR) Board. Governor Carney <u>established GEAR</u> by Executive Order in February to identify ways for state government to operate more efficiently, improve the delivery of state services, and save costs over the long term.

Members of the GEAR Board presented Governor Carney with a series of recommendations across a number of focus areas, including criminal justice, education, financial services, health and social services, human resources, information technology, and public private partnerships.

"Since taking office in January, I have talked to Delawareans about our commitment to operating state government more efficiently, and identifying cost savings so we can direct resources where they are most needed," said **Governor Carney**. "We remain committed to improving the way we deliver state services, and spending taxpayer dollars responsibly. That's what Delawareans expect. Thank you to members of GEAR for their important work on this report."

By December 1 of each year, the board must submit a report to the Governor, including recommendations that may be included in the recommended state budget. Governor Carney will present his Fiscal Year 2019 budget proposal on January 25 in Dover.

GEAR recommendations are focused around ways that state-funded agencies can share services, and improve the recruitment, development, and retention of state employees. Visit GEAR's website for more information, and to submit an idea for improving the way state government operates.

"GEAR seeks to provide the process effectiveness and transparency that Delaware citizens expect from their government," said James Myran, Executive Director of GEAR, and Bryan Sullivan, OMB Director of Management Efficiency. "Input from the public and employees received through the GEAR website has been great. This input will help us identify and drive recommendations for continued improvements throughout the state."

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